

Alláh says:

﴿إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ كَانَتْ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ كِتَابًا مَوْقُوتًا﴾ النساء- 103

"Surely, prayer was prescribed for the Believers at specific times."

The Messenger of Alláh ﷺ said:

① "Whoever is conscientious in performance of their prayer will gain light (of guidance), evidence (proof of good deeds), and success on the Day of Resurrection." Narrated by Ahmad 6540 and Dárimiee 2721

② "Between a man and disbelief, polytheism is the abandonment of prayer." Narrated by Muslim 82

③ "You must pray (according to my method) as you have seen me pray." Narrated by Bukháree 631

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPHET'S ﷺ PRAYER IN BRIEF

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as for the first), saying: "الله أكبر"

Then replace your hands upon your chest (as after the first *takbeer*) and then pray for the Prophet ﷺ.

③ Then pronounce the *takbeer* a third time (raising your hands) saying: "الله أكبر"

Then replace your hands upon your chest as before, and then supplicate to Alláh for the deceased using the following supplication:

"اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِحَيِّنَا وَمَيِّتِنَا وَشَاهِدِنَا وَغَائِبِنَا وَصَغِيرِنَا وَكَبِيرِنَا  
وَذَكَّرِنَا وَأَنْتَانَا، اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ أَحْيَيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَأَخِيهِ عَلَى الْإِسْلَامِ وَمَنْ  
تَوَفَّيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَتَوَفَّهُ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ"

"O Alláh, forgive those of us who are still living and those who are dead, those of us who are present and those who are absent, our minors and our elders; O Alláh, let the one whom You grant life to from among us live according to Islám and the one whom You cause to die from among us, die as a Believer."

④ Pronounce the *takbeer* a fourth time raising your hands as saying: "الله أكبر"

Then replace your hands upon your chest as before and then give salám saying:

"السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ"

The Prophet ﷺ said about the funeral:

"Whoever attends the funeral procession till he offers the prayer for it, will get a reward equal to one Qirat, and whoever accompanies it till the burial, will get a reward equal to two Qirats." It was asked: "What are two Qirats?" He replied: "like two huge mountains." Narrated by Bukháree

1325 and Muslim 945

And he ﷺ said: "Hurry up with the dead for if it was righteous, you are forwarding it to a good thing and if it was otherwise (not righteous), then you are putting off an evil thing from your neck." Narrated by Bukháree 1315 and Muslim 944

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⑪ Some of the mistakes made when praying:

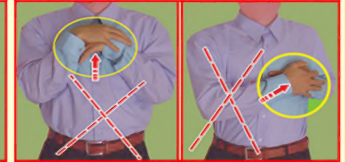
1-To make a move or perform part of prayer before the Imam does when praying in congregation, or to synchronize any action with the Imam

2-To look up towards the sky while praying

3-Reciting the *takbeer*



4-In positioning of the hands



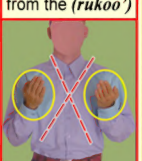
5-In positioning of the feet



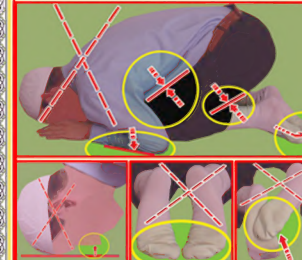
6-During the bowing (*rukoo'*)



7-After rising from the (*rukoo'*)



8-During prostration



9-During the sitting period between the two prostrations and the first *Tashahhud* or second



## HOW TO PERFORM THE FUNERAL PRAYER

① Make the intention in your heart of praying for the deceased. Then, pronounce the *takbeer* to enter prayer (raising your hands as shown in photoset 1), saying:

"الله أكبر"

Then place your hands on your chest as shown in one of the photos from photoset

2, and then recite *surah al-Fátihah*.

② Pronounce the *takbeer* a second time (again, raising your hands in the same way



opposite order of photoset 4), and raise both your hands as shown in photoset 1, saying: "الله أكبر"

⑭ Then recite *surah al-Fátihah* only, then continue your prayer in the method described previously; then for *Maghrib*, perform the *Tashahhud* in the third *rak'ah*, and for *Dhuhr*, 'Asr or 'Esha perform the *Tashahhud* at the end of the fourth *rak'ah*. When sitting, sit in the same way as you sat for the first *Tashahhud*, although with one slight difference; you must sit in a 'folded' manner with your left foot placed underneath your right foot, with your right foot spread out or drawn in (and it is your choice as to which position you adopt as shown in photoset 8).

Then finally perform the salám.

**Practice all that has been described in this guide, until you are confident.**

⑮ It is appropriate that any Muslim who seeks to perform the five prayers conscientiously in the best manner will attend the prayer in a *Masjid*, and not be neglectful of that, so that he may be of those who are successful, if Alláh wills.

⑯ It is preferred that each Muslim man or woman ensures that they observe 12 additional *rak'ahs* (prayed as separate non-obligatory prayers and with a distinct intention). These are: 2 before *Fajr*, four before *Dhuhr*, and two after *Dhuhr*, and 2 after *Maghrib*, and two after 'Esha. From the hadeeth in Sahih Muslim (728):

"Whoever prays 12 *rak'ahs* in one day and a night, a house is built for him in Paradise". As for during travel, then the non-obligatory prayers for *Dhuhr*, *Maghrib* and 'Esha are not performed, while the two sunnah for *Fajr*, and the *Witr* prayer are observed.



upon Ibraheem and the followers of Ibraheem. Verily, You are full of praise and majesty. O Alláh, send blessings upon Muhammed and the followers of Muhammed; Just as You sent blessings upon Ibraheem and upon the followers of Ibraheem. Verily, You are full of praise and majesty."

Then seek refuge with Alláh from four things by saying:

"اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ، وَمِنْ عَذَابِ جَهَنَّمَ،

وَمِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْمَحْيَى وَالْمَمَاتِ، وَمِنْ شَرِّ فِتْنَةِ الْمَسِيحِ الدَّجَالِ"

"O Alláh, indeed I seek refuge with you from the punishment of the grave and the punishment of the hell fire, and the trials of life and death, and from the corruption of the Dajjál."

And you are also able to make supplication with any other prayer such as:

"اللَّهُمَّ أَعْنِي عَلَى ذِكْرِكَ وَشُكْرِكَ وَحُسْنِ عِبَادَتِكَ"

"O Alláh, help and guide me to remember You, and to thank You, and to worship You in the best way."

"اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ"

"O Alláh, I ask You to grant me Paradise and I seek refuge with You from the Hell Fire."

⑫ Then send greetings to your right hand side, and then your left hand side (turning your head each time fully) and saying:

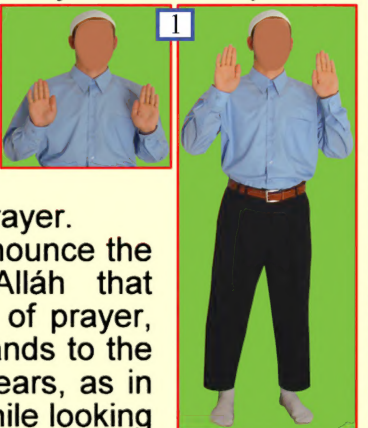
"السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ"

"May the peace and mercy of Alláh be upon you."

⑬ If the prayer consists of three *rak'ahs* such as *Maghrib* (immediately following sunset) or consists of four *rak'ahs*, such as *Dhuhr* (just after noon) or 'Asr (mid afternoon), or 'Esha (night time), perform the *Tashahhud*, but then rise for the third *rakah*, straightening your knees first (the



(1) When you wish to offer prayer to Allāh, most high, then you must first achieve the status of complete ritual purity, then face in the direction of the *Qiblah* (Ka'abah at Makkah) during the entire prayer with your whole body. You must have a clear intention made within your heart to perform the type of prayer that you are performing, whether it be a *sunnah* or non-obligatory prayer or an obligatory prayer.



(2) You must pronounce the glorification of Allāh that denotes the start of prayer, by raising your hands to the shoulders or the ears, as in the 1st picture (while looking at the place of prostration) saying:

**"Allāh is the Greatest"** "اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ"

(3) While standing you must place your hands upon your chest, the right hand on top of the left hand as shown in the 2nd picture. You must then recite the supplication that is used at the start of prayer:



"سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ، وَبَارَكَ اسْمُكَ، وَتَعَالَى جَدُّكَ، وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ"

**"Glory to You, O Allāh, and Yours is the Praise. And blessed is Your Name, and lofty is Your position. And there is no deity to be worshipped but You"**

Then say: "أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ"

**"I seek refuge in Allāh from shaytān, the accursed"**

Then recite *surah al-Fātihah*:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ (١) الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ (٢)

الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ (٣) مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ (٤) إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ

نَسْتَعِينُ (٥) اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ (٦) صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ

عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ (٧) آمِينَ

**"In the name of Allāh, the Compassionate and Merciful. Praise be to Allāh, Lord of all the worlds. The Compassionate, the Merciful. Lord of the Day of Reckoning. You alone do we worship, and You alone do we ask for help. Guide us on the straight path. The path of those who have received your grace; Not the path of those who have brought down your wrath, nor of those who wander astray."** "Ameen"

Then recite any *surah* or *ayāts* from the *Qur'ān*.

(4) Then bow (raise your hands as in the 1st picture) saying:

When you are in the bowing position, your head must be level with your back as shown, and your hands must be placed upon your knees with your fingers spread out, as in the 3rd picture. Then say the following three times:



"سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْعَظِيمِ"

**"Praise be to my Lord, the Magnificent"**

(5) Raise your head from the bowing position, again, raising your hands to the level of your shoulders or your ears as in the 1st picture saying:

"سَمِعَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ حَمِدَهُ"

**"Allāh hears (answers) he who praises Him"**

Then say after this:

"رَبَّنَا وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ، حَمْدًا كَثِيرًا طَيِّبًا مُبَارَكًا فِيهِ"

**"Our Lord, to You is due all praise. Praise that is abundant, good and which is blessed"**

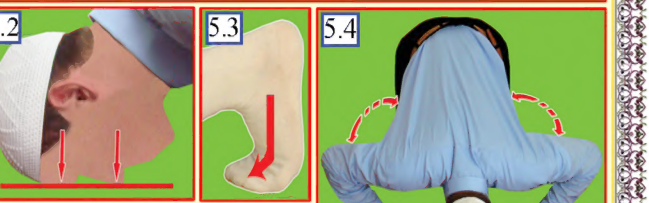
(6) Then prostrate (as shown in stages)

and say: "اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ"

Bend your knees before your hands if you are able to (as shown in the photos 4.1 to 4.4 –according to majority of the scholars; \*some scholars are of the opinion that the hands touch the ground before the knees\*) ensuring that your toes and



fingers point in the direction of the *Qiblah*, keeping your fingers together, placing your hands on the ground level to your shoulders or your ears. Your arms must spread away from your sides (without causing problem to those praying next to you) while your stomach/belly is far from your thighs, and you must separate your knees. The end result must be that your prostration rests with the following parts of your body in contact with the floor; your forehead with your nose, your palms, your knees, and the underside of your toes (as shown in the photos 5.1 to 5.4)



and recite 3 times:

"سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْأَعْلَى"

**"Glory to my Lord, the Most High"**

You may supplicate to Allāh with any prescribed supplication you wish during your prostration (if you don't know Arabic then you can supplicate in your own language).

(7) Raise your head from the prostration while saying: "اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ"

Then assume the sitting position, spread your left foot and sit upon it, and place your right foot in the upright position next to the left, or you can sit upon both feet in the same upright position (and so sit on your ankles), place your hands upon your knees or on your thighs – as in the photos numbered 6, and then say twice:

"رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي"

**"My Lord forgive me"**

(8) Prostrate a second time (as shown in photo 5.1-5.4) saying: "اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ" And then

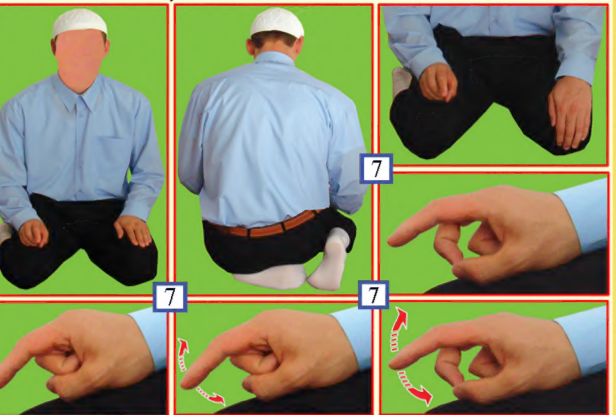
say three times: "سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْأَعْلَى"

(9) Then raise your head from the prostration, and then rise until you are ready for the second *raka'ah*, straightening your knees first if that is easy for you (the opposite of photo 4), and saying: "اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ"

(10) Then recite *surah al-Fātihah*, then recite any *surah* or *ayāts* from the *Qur'ān* (placing your right hand on your left as shown in one of the photos in set 2), then going into prostration in the same way you did previously.

(11) If the prayer is one of those that consist of two *rak'ahs*, for instance *Fajr* prayer or *Jum'ah* or the 'Eid Prayers, remain sitting after raising your head from

the second prostration (as shown in photoset 7), and then recite the



**'Tashahhud'** (the bearing of witness):

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ  
وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ، أَلَسْلَامُ عَلَيْنَا وَعَلَى عِبَادِ اللَّهِ الصَّالِحِينَ  
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**"At-Tahiyyāt** (all words which indicate the glorification of Allāh, His eternal existence, His perfection and His sovereignty) **is for Allāh. All acts of worship and good deeds are for Him. Peace and the mercy and blessings of Allāh be upon you O Prophet. Peace be upon us, and upon the righteous servants of Allāh. I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allāh. And I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and messenger."**

Then say:

"اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ، اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ"

**"O Allāh, send prayers** (praise and exalt him in the highest and superior of gatherings; that of the closest angels to You) **upon Muhammad and the followers of Muhammad; Just as You sent prayers**